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Mr. Joseph Cosentino **United States Environmental Protection Agency** 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Bldg. 209, Mail Stop 211 Edison, New Jersey 08837

VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site, Newark, NJ RE: Progress Report No. 26

Dear Mr. Cosentino:

On behalf of the Bayonne Barrel & Participating Parties and pursuant to Paragraph 23 of the Administrative Order on Consent, enclosed please find three (3) copies of Progress Report No. 26 covering the period from March 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

In addition to reporting on the subject work, this progress report also contains an update of activities associated with remedy selection at the site.

Very truly yours,

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BAYONNE BARREL & DRUM SUPERFUND SITE PROGRESS REPORT NO. 26

March 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

Description of the Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Administrative Order on Consent Since the Previous Report:

- Site security continues to be maintained at the site.
- Draft comments from the NJDEP were received in connection with the off-site sampling work plan, the storm sewer mapping work plan, and the RASR.

Summary of all Results of Sampling, Tests or Other Data Received or Generated Since the Previous Report:

- Select monitoring wells were sampled for geochemical parameters to support the ongoing groundwater modeling task in response to NJDEP's comments to the RI Report.
- A sample of product observed in UST-1 was collected for fingerprint analysis.

Completed Deliverables Since the Previous Report:

None.

Actions Planned Prior to Submittal of Final Completion Report:

- Maintain site security.
- Continue Monthly Progress Reporting.
- Finalize and submit Final Report.
- Respond to draft comments from NJDEP on Work Plans submitted in November and December 2005 regarding perimeter soil sampling and storm sewer mapping.
- Continue with groundwater modeling in accordance with NJDEP's comments to the RI Report.
- Discuss recent draft comments from NJDEP to the Remedial Action Selection Report submitted in December 2005.



Mr. Joseph Cosentino Bayonne Barrel & Drum Superfund Site Progress Report No. 26 April 10, 2006

Percentage Completion:

- Work Plan Submittal and Approval- 100%
- Construction Operations Plan Implementation 100%
- Post-Removal Site Control Plan 0%
- Final Report 0%

Delays Encountered or Anticipated:

• None currently identified.